

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007. Claims 21-39 were pending in the present application. This Amendment does not add, cancel, or amend any claims, leaving pending in the application claims 21-39. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. Double Patenting Rejection

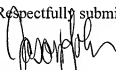
Claims 21-33 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-11, 13, and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,368. Claim 34 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being obvious over claim 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,368 in view of *Fresk* (US 6,026,258). Claims 35-39 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being obvious over claim 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,368 in view of *Tang* (US 5,793,365). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b) accompanies this Amendment, in order to expedite issuance of the pending claims. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections with respect to claims 21-39 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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